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For: STENT COVERING FORMED OF
 POROUS
 POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2002 reconsideration is respectfully requested. As the Office Action is being submitted prior to the due date of January 10, 2003, no fee is deemed necessary.

Please amend the application as follows.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

12. (Amended) A method for producing a porous polytetrafluoroethylene tube useful in medical devices comprising the steps of:

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